

## DRAFT GENERAL PLAN FOR JUVENILE TRIBUNAL

Commissioners Favor Plan for Separate Court.

### FORWARDED TO CONGRESS

Building Should Also Contain the House of Detention, and District Should Own the Property.

In compliance with a provision contained in the District appropriation bill for the current year, the District Commissioners today forwarded to the Speaker of the House and the President pro tem, of the Senate a draft of a general plan for the future care of delinquent and dependent children in the District.

The Commissioners believe Congress should provide for a juvenile tribunal before which children of this class should be brought. "This tribunal," says the letter, "should be entirely separate from all existing courts; it should be accommodated in a separate building, which should also contain the House of Detention. The District government should own the building to be thus used for a house of detention and a juvenile tribunal.

#### Must Establish Dependence.

"No child should be placed in any institution at public expense until the fact of delinquency or dependency has been first established by the juvenile tribunal.

"All children of the class now committed to the Reform School for Boys and the Reform School for Girls should be committed by the juvenile tribunal to these schools.

"All other children, delinquent or dependent, should be placed by the tribunal in the care of the Board of Children's Guardians. The juvenile tribunal should place upon probation, under the care of the Board of Children's Guardians and its probation officers, who should be as numerous as may be necessary, such children as are now so placed by the Police Court. All other children committed to the care of the Board of Children's Guardians should be made its wards until maturity, as is now done, with provision for the relinquishment of the guardianship in individual cases by the Board of Children's Guardians with the approval of the juvenile tribunal."

#### A Comprehensive Bill.

The bill is comprehensive and details much which has heretofore been published in the reports of the Board of Charities and the District Commissioners. Commissioner Macfarland, who has supervision of the public charities, prepared the report. Besides utilizing the results of his own long experience and observation in connection with public charities, and the reports of what is being done in the United States and Canada, as well as abroad, Commissioner Macfarland, in drafting the report, availed himself of the advice of a number of officials and private citizens interested in the child-care problem.

After spending several days in gathering material, he made a rough draft of the report, which was thoroughly discussed by the Commissioners, and formally adopted by the board. If adopted by Congress, it will, the Commissioners believe, work a marked improvement in the treatment of delinquent and dependent children, promoting at once efficiency and economy, and better control. It is in line with the recommendations of the Commissioners to obtain a concentration of authority and responsibility.

### COMMISSION TO TAKE TESTIMONY FOR TYNER

Attorney A. S. Worthington, representing James N. Tyner and Harrison J. Barrett, who are indicted jointly for conspiracy to defraud the Government, and Assistant District Attorney George H. Kellogg yesterday appeared before Justice Pritchard, in Criminal Court No. 1, to have a commission appointed to take testimony in connection with the case.

The witness whose testimony is to be taken is James L. Tanner, who resides at Gadsden, Ala. By agreement between counsel, Justice Pritchard will sign an order appointing Edwin Pritchard and O. R. Hoad of Gadsden, Ala., to take testimony to take Mr. Tanner's testimony by interrogatories which will be submitted.

### MRS. WILSON'S FUNERAL TO BE HELD TOMORROW

The funeral of Mrs. Wilson, who died yesterday morning at her home, 1529 Thirty-second Street northwest, will take place tomorrow morning. The interment will be made in the Congressional Cemetery.

Mrs. Wilson was the wife of George Wilson, an old resident of Georgetown. Death was due to ailments incident to old age.

### DOCTOR'S SHIFT

#### Now Gets Along Without It.

A physician says: "Until last fall I used to eat meat for my breakfast, and suffered with indigestion until the meat had passed from the stomach.

"Last fall I began the use of Grape-Nuts for breakfast, and very soon found I could do without meat, for my body got all the nourishment necessary from the Grape-Nuts, and since then I have not had any indigestion and am feeling better and have increased in weight.

"Since finding the benefit I derived from Grape-Nuts I have prescribed the food for all of my patients suffering from indigestion or overfeeding, and also for those recovering from disease, where I want a food easy to take and certain to digest, and that will not overtax the stomach.

"I always find the results I look for when I prescribe Grape-Nuts. For ethical reasons, please omit my name." Name given by mail by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

The reason for the wonderful amount of nourishment, and the easy digestion of Grape-Nuts is not hard to explain. In the first place, the starchy part of the wheat and barley goes through various processes of cooking, and is perfectly changed the starch into Dextrose or Pure Sugar, in which state it is ready to be easily absorbed by the blood.

"Get little book, 'The Road to Wellville,' in the package.

## SQUIERS TO PROTEST OVER TARIFF CHANGES

Havana Custom House Ring Accused of Duplicitous.

### PRESIDENT ACTS PROMPTLY

Little Time Lost After Complaint of Shoe Manufacturers' Association Had Been Heard.

Upon representations made by agents of the shoe manufacturing interests of the country and officers of the Merchants' Association of New York, the State Department has instructed United States Minister Squiers, at Havana, to protest against certain provisions which are being incorporated in the new tariff schedule now being prepared by a commission of the Cuban government.

According to the statements made by a representative of the Merchants' Association, the old custom house ring of Havana is in power again, and its leaders are endeavoring to re-establish the Spanish tariff of 1892, which was so unjust that Secretary Foster abrogated the reciprocity treaty negotiated the year before by the late James G. Blaine.

#### The President Informed.

The Merchants' Association is represented in Washington by H. C. Dumont, who has been one of the staunch advocates of the reciprocity treaty. Recently word reached New York of what the custom house ring was attempting. Mr. Dumont went to Havana, and made an investigation, which confirmed the reports. Mr. Dumont then hurried to Washington.

Yesterday morning he called at the White House and laid the matter before the President. It is said the President exhibited considerable anger when he learned of the proposed duplicity, and announced with much warmth that should any trickery be attempted, he should abrogate the new reciprocity treaty. In speaking of the matter, one of the men who are here to expose the action of the ring, said:

#### Spaniards in Control.

"The Spaniards and foreigners generally are in control of the import and export business of the island, and they, for some reason, prefer to buy from their own countries. They get longer credit and better terms, and they are supported by their governments in stopping competition from the United States. Our Government leaves its business men to get along the best they can without help. In with this foreign business element is the old regime of Cubans and Spaniards who controlled the custom house under the tariff, which the importer who paid highest bribes did as he pleased. The foreigners realized that if the United States was allowed to do business honestly under the new treaty it would put an end to nearly all foreign business in the island. They then got the United States to agree to nullify the treaty by trickery. The Commission, it seems, was approached and the old tariff was adopted again.

#### America's Large Interests.

"The United States controls 35 per cent of the shoe trade of the country at present, but the tariff law places two valuations on the same shoes; thus the hide shoe, no matter how many times the hide has been split, is admitted very cheaply, while split leather of any kind is taxed high. Glazed sheepskins are taxed \$3 each, but cheap 'moccasin' is taxed \$7, though it has the same 'glazed' quality. This same system is adopted in handling cotton goods, woolsens, and in fact, all manufactured articles. The negro in the woodpile is the different values which can be placed upon any kind of goods. It was the intention of the ring to benefit England, Spain, and Germany by the conspiracy."

### NO HEARING TODAY ON DISTRICT BUDGET

Subcommittee on Appropriations Too Busy Engaged to Receive the Commissioners.

The District Commissioners did not appear before the subcommittee of the House on appropriations today, as had been anticipated, for the reason that the subcommittee is engaged with the full House Appropriations Committee on considering the legislative and judiciary bill.

When the House committee has completed this work and reported it will be engaged with the urgent deficiency bill. When this bill is passed, the House will dispose of the District Commissioners' bill by giving a hearing. The District budget calls for an appropriation of more than \$13,000,000, and the Commissioners anticipate a strenuous campaign.

Their greatest efforts will be directed toward obtaining legislation which will insure "current revenues for current expenses," and which will provide a loan from the Federal Government to defray the expense of extraordinary improvements. If this can be accomplished, the Commissioners will consider their work well rewarded, and the practical results will become apparent in a well-stocked exchequer.

The House committee on the District of Columbia did not meet today, owing to the absence of a quorum.

### EDDIE ELBERT MISSING FROM HOME IN K STREET

The police are looking for Eddie Elbert, of 402 K Street northwest. The boy yesterday lost his position on a department store delivery wagon. He had been in a number of times before, and had been told by his mother that he would punish him the next time.

It is the belief of the uncle who reported the disappearance that he has run away from home to escape the threatened punishment.

### NOT OBLIGED TO USE GOVERNMENT-AIDED ROADS

In an opinion given to the Secretary of the Interior, the Comptroller of the Currency holds that an administrative officer of the Government is not under any requirement of law to use Government-aided roads in the transaction of departmental business.

The point was raised by the Director of the Geological Survey.

## COMMITTEES' REPORTS ON CONTINENTAL HALL

Read at a Meeting of the Daughters

### DESIGN OF NEW BUILDING

Three-Story Parthenon, With a Basement—Will Conform With New Columbian Structures.

Reports of the Continental Hall and building committees of the Daughters of the American Revolution were read before a large meeting of the Daughters yesterday morning in the house of Mrs. H. E. Blount. Arrangements had been made for a stereopticon exhibition of the plans of the new hall, but Edward Casey, of New York, the architect, made a mistake about the time of the meeting and it was decided to postpone the exhibition until last night. Mrs. Mann reported for the committee on the hall and Mrs. Charles T. Ferry, of New York, reported for the building committee. Mrs. C. N. Fairbanks, president general of the society, presided.

The design of the new hall calls for a building of classic style, kept pure throughout—a three-story parthenon with a basement. After a conference with President Needham, of Columbian University, it was decided to make the D. A. R. building conform as far as possible with the designs for the new building to be erected by Columbian, and which will adjoin the hall. All the stone, marble and granite will be American.

#### Six Massive Columns.

The entrance on Seventeenth Street will be guarded by six massive columns, and the entrance hall will be twenty-four feet wide by thirty feet deep. Two-thirds of the hall will be a large open hall, and the clock tower will lead to the auditorium, which will be open to the auditorium, which will have a seating capacity of 1,800. A board room for meetings of the board of managers, committee, and ante-rooms, will flank the auditorium, while a long, winding corridor will lead into the memorial hall, where Revolutionary relics will be stored and exhibited.

It was at first intended to symbolize the thirteen States with thirteen marble columns on the front exterior, but there was not sufficient space for the purpose. A compromise was arranged, by which the thirteen columns will be placed on the south side of the building, arranged in a semicircle. The columns will be fluted monoliths, handsomely ornamented. From the portico, shallow steps will lead to the terraces. A room in the southwest corner has been set aside for the editor of the society's magazine.

The stage in the auditorium will be twelve by fifty-four feet, and will be surrounded by tiers of boxes arranged for the board of managers at the congresses. The board room, museum, and auditorium can be made into one big room by the throwing back of the handsome folding doors.

### RELIEF FOR HEIRS OF MELVIN B. SMITH

Commissioners, However, Would Cut Down Appropriation for Relatives of Man Killed in Sewer.

The District Commissioners today partially approved Senate bill No. 2262, which provides for the relief of the heirs of Melvin B. Smith, who was killed by inhaling poisonous gases while working in a manhole, in the employ of the District. The accident occurred June 2, 1903.

The bill provides that the sum of \$5,000 be paid to the heirs, while the Commissioners believe \$2,500 is sufficient.

"The accident to which reference is made in the bill," says the explanatory letter of the Commissioners, "was one which could not be foreseen."

"It is a common custom for employees of the Sewer Department to go down these manholes without thought of danger, so that the department was utterly unprepared for the conditions which existed. Such risks are taken in descending these manholes as are necessarily assumed by the employees of the sewer department, as it is in the line of their duty, and one which they must be held to assume in accepting their positions; the District cannot and will not be legally responsible for accidents such as this. At the same time when a faithful employee loses his life in the service in this manner it seems proper to the Commissioners that some compensation should be paid to his family, and the more or less dependent upon him."

"The Commissioners are therefore in favor of the bill, and will recommend its passage. The bill, as amended, provides that the appropriation should be chargeable on the revenues of the District of Columbia and the other half to any money in the United States Treasury not otherwise appropriated, as the work upon which Smith was engaged was paid for in that manner."

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## SMITH'S IN THE LEAD FOR MARYLAND SENATOR

Supported by the Delegates From the Counties.

### LEGISLATURE IS ORGANIZED

Anti-Machine Forces on Hand and Balloting Will Begin on January 19.

ANNAPOJIS, Md., Jan. 7.—Both bodies of the Legislature of 1934 met at noon yesterday, and the sentiment expressed prior to organization showed very clearly that all the prominent county politicians will support Governor Smith's candidacy for the United States Senate.

They urge that he deserves it as a reward for having called the extra session which passed the new election law, and without which Democratic success would have been unlikely. Smith's enemies claim his election will be to carry out a bargain.

In effecting the organization Spencer C. Jones was chosen president of the senate, Dr. George Y. Everhart was made speaker of the house of delegates, and other officers were elected as chosen by the Democratic caucus. Counts were announced against the election of Senator Griffith and five delegates. Governor Smith's message was read. Edwin Warfield was declared duly elected governor, and arrangements were made for his inauguration January 13.

#### Plans of Democrats.

The Democrats have more than a two-thirds majority on joint ballot. The leaders have already announced a plan for the restriction of suffrage in the State, including a law passed at this session, to become immediately operative, and the submission of a constitutional amendment to be voted upon by the people at the next general election.

They are based upon the requirement of an educational qualification, and contain the provision of the North Carolina law exempting from the effects of the law all persons who were voters before January 1, 1929, and their descendants.

On January 19 the Legislature will begin balloting for a successor to United States Senator McComas. The leading candidates are Gov. John Walter Smith, leader Rayner, former Gov. E. E. Jack, and former Congressman Joshua W. Miles.

All appointments, including patronage to be given to the various senators and delegations in the house and the naming of all except the most requisite committee are to be deferred until after the senatorial election.

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## ALEXANDRIA NEWS NOTES

(Special to The Washington Times.)

ALEXANDRIA, Va., Jan. 7.—A pretty but quiet wedding was solemnized at the rectory of St. Mary's Catholic Church last night when Charles L. Ewald and Florence L. Ewer were married by the Rev. Father H. J. Cutler, pastor of St. Mary's Church. The groom was attended by James McGowan, and the maid of honor was May Roberts. Mr. Ewald is a popular employee of the R. R. Porter Brewing Company, and the bride is the daughter of Policeman Samuel Ticer.

### GONE TO JAPAN.

Robert Ford, of this city, left last Saturday for Japan, where he will enlist in the navy.

### DEATH OF INFANT.

Margaret Williams, the three-month-old daughter of Carrie and A. E. Williams, died at her parents' home, 1311 Prince Street, last morning.

### ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The Columbia Steam Fire Engine Company held its annual meeting last night and elected the following officers for the ensuing year: William A. Smoot, president; George Uhlir, first vice president; William K. Griffith, second vice president; Horace Allen, secretary; Edward Hughes, treasurer; Charles Herbert, assistant secretary; George Uhlir, E. S. Leadbeater, and Charles Duffy, executive committee; Frank Petty, foreman; Louis Brill, assistant foreman; J. W. Travers, first assistant foreman; R. Merchant, second assistant foreman; William Webster.

### IN MAYOR'S COURT.

In the mayor's court, the Hon. George L. Simpson presiding, Linton Hughes, a negro, arrested by Policeman Knight, charged with stealing \$10 from William Naylor, was fined the sum of \$20.

### PRESIDENT ASKED TO HONOR COLONIAL BALL

Mrs. Charlotte Main, State regent for the District of Columbia of the Daughters of the American Revolution, was at the White House this morning, accompanied by Mrs. Ellen Spencer Mussey, vice regent of the organization and chairman of the committee on invitations for the grand colonial ball to be given at the Arlington on January 18.

They desired to invite the President, who is a member of the Sons of the Revolution. They did not remain to see the President, but left a card of invitation for him with Secretary Loebe.

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